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Enclosed is the Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form, along with the Authorization to Act in a Representative Capacity for the above-referenced case.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact us.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Confirmation No.: 8340

Application No.: 10/609,892

Group Art Unit: 2113

Filed: June 30, 2003

Examiner: Urick, Matthew T.

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SAVING THE STATE OF INTEGRATED
CIRCUITS UPON FAILURE

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AUTHORIZATION TO ACT IN A REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY

The practitioner named below is authorized to conduct interviews and has the authority to bind the principal concerned. Furthermore, the practitioner is authorized to file correspondence in the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.34:

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This is not a power of attorney to the above-named practitioner. Accordingly, the practitioner named above does not have authority to sign a request to change the correspondence address, a request for an express abandonment, a disclaimer, a power of attorney, or other document requiring the signature of the applicant, assignee of the entire interest, or an attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPLICANT INITIATED INTERVIEW REQUEST FORM

Application No.: 10/609,892

First Named Applicant: Baker, Marcus A.

Examiner: Urick, Matthew T.

Art Unit: 2113

Status of Application: pending

Tentative Participants:

1) James Riegel
3)2) Examiner Urick
4)

Proposed Date of Interview: 6/15/06

Proposed Time: 2:00 pm EST

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic(2) ☐ Personal(3) ☐ Video ConferenceExhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description:

ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc.)	Claims Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>102(b) rej.</u>	<u>1, 14, 27</u>	<u>Vachon '404</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) <u>103(a) rej.</u>	<u>3, 9, 11, 16, 24, 29, 36</u>	<u>Vachon '404, '348</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) <u>103(a) rej.</u>	<u>7, 12, 22, 34</u>	<u>Vachon '404, Masuyama</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

☐ Continuation Sheet Attached**Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:**

--Applicant proposes amending the independent claims to include that the state of the integrated circuit is saved to a non-volatile memory when an unrecoverable error occurs in the integrated circuit and the internal clocks of the integrated circuit have been stopped.

--For 102 Rejection, Vachon '404 does not disclose or suggest this. Vachon discloses an operating system failure, not a failure of an integrated circuit; and the system is still running after failure, allowing the debugger operation, so that internal clocks of any integrated circuits are not stopped. Also, the operating system can resume execution, and so has not experienced an unrecoverable error.

--For 103 Rejections: Vachon '348 and Masuyama also do not disclose saving a state of an integrated circuit after unrecoverable error of the integrated circuit and when internal clocks of the integrated circuit have been stopped; these references show operating system failure, continued operation, and resuming execution of the operating system, similarly to Vachon '404.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

NOTE:

This form should be completed by Applicant and submitted to the Examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of Applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, Applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)

(Examiner/SPE Signature)